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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: PROPOSED INTERIM

T: PROPOSED INTERIM LEGISLATION ON DEEP SEABED MINING

RH AND 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE

REF: STATE 193106

1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED WITH GOP (MENDTTU) SOME MONTHS AGO  
KIN CONNECTIBG WITH OUR ARCHIPELAGO PROPOSALS) PRESSURES  
FOR UNILATERAL ACTION THAT WERE LIKELY TO ARISE IF NO COL-  
LECTIVE DECISION APPEARED IN OFFIE ON OCEAN RESOURCES.

POINT ACKNOWLEDGED AT THAT TIME WITHOUT COMMENT.

2. WE EXPECT GOP WOULD ACCEPT FACT U.S. ACTING IN OWN SELF  
INTEREST AND WOULD NOT BE PARTICULARLY BE SUPRISED AT SUCH

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ACTION. WHILE IT COULD STIMULATE GOP TO TAKE PARALLEL

ACTION (WHICH IT CAN DO EXPEDITIOUSLY UNDER MARTIJQ LAW),  
ROWE DO MCT THINK IT WOULD STIMULATE LEGISLATION AT THIS TIME.

3. AS DEPT AWARE, HOWEVER, GOP CLAIMS RATHER EXTENSIVELY  
DELINEATED "HISTORIC RIGHTS" AS WELL AS ARCHIPELAGO-BASED  
RIGHTS. THESE CLAIMS ARE ALREADY SPECIFIED IN 1973 CON-  
STITUTION. "HISTORIC RIGHTS" DELINEATION ROUGHLY OVERLAPS  
ECONOMIC ZONE MEASURED--IN PHILIPPINE EYES--FROM ARCHIPELA-  
GIC BASELINES. IN DISCUSSING THESE CLAIMS, MENDOZA SUG-  
GESTED GOP MIGHT DROP "HISTORIC RIGHTS" CLAIM IF APPROPRIATE  
ECONOMIC ZONE WAS INTERNATIONALLY ESTABLISHED. IF GOP CON-  
SIDERED THAT U.S. UNILATERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION THREATENED  
ECONOMIC ZONE CONCEPT, GOP MIGHT WELL FEEL OBLIGED TO RE-  
ITERATE THEIR EARLIER CLAIMS AS EXPRESSED IN THE CONSTITU-  
TION. THERE IS ALREADY FILIPINO CONCERN ABOUT RESOURCE  
GRABBING, ESPECIALLY BY JAPAN,  
N ZONE CONCEPT SERIOUSLY  
CHALLENGED.

4. NO QUESTION\*, ALSO, THAT GOP WOULD TEND TO DISCOUNT  
SERIOUSNESS OF STATED U.S. INTERESTS IN ACHIEVING COLLECTIVE  
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON LOS ISSUES;R GOP ALREADY INCLINED  
TO VIEW OUR FINDING OF CHANCES FOR INTERNWTIONAL AGREEMENT  
AF OVERLHYOPTIMISTIC. IN PARTICULAR\*: IT WOULD FESK PRDDA  
SURE IS OFF WITH RESPECT TO ACCOMMODATINGNZS. INTEREST IN  
LIMITING SCOPE OF ARCHIPELAGO THEORY.  
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